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TAGS: PFOR, PO

SUBJ: RC MEETING ON ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL BEGAN MEETING AT 10:00 AM FEB 20 ON ANGOLAN RECOGNITION. LABOR MINISTER TOMAS ROSA TOLD LABATT FEB 19 THAT COUNCIL MEMBER MAJ CANTO E CASTRO FEARS THAT PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES WOULD SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ABSENCE OF FOUR OPPONENTS TO ANGOLAN RECOGNITION TO PUSH THROUGH RC APPROVAL. PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO AND MAJ VICTOR ALVES ARE VISITING ISLAND OF MADEIRA, AND ROSA SAID THAT LTC COSTA NEVES AND BG PIRES VELOSO ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR FEB 20 MEETING. ACCORDING TO CANTO E CASTRO, ONLY ELEVEN RC MEMBERS (OF 19) ARE IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION AND TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, OR SOLID CONSENSUS, IS GENERALLY REQUIRED FOR IMPORTANT RC DECISIONS.

2. RC MEMBER CDR ALMEIDA E COSTA IS IN MADEIRA WITH PM. HE IS A PROBABLE OPPONENT OF RECOGNITION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GEN MORAIS DA SILVA, AN OPPONENT OF RECOGNITION IS UNAVAILABLE FOR RC MEETING.

3. COMMENT: PROBLEM OF ANGOLAN REFUGEE REACTION REMAINS AND RC PRO-RECOGNITION ELEMENTS WILL BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT PROVOKING SPLIT WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES BY RAMMING THROUGH RECOGNITION IN A RUMP SESSION.

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